

Rottington, NX95/12, 22.4.78. Two at base of *Hypochoeris radicata* L. near Fleswick Bay, Rottington, NX94/13, 30.ix.78.

Sitona ambiguus Gyllenhal. — Eight shaken from *Vicia sepium* L. on bank by road side near Sandwith, Whitehaven, NX96/14, 14.v.78. Four on *V. sepium* L. near High Walton, Bigrigg, NX98/12, 17.vi.78. Six shaken from *V. cracca* L. by roadside near Parton, NX98/20, 30.vii.77. Two on *V. sepium* L. near High Godderthwaite, Calderbridge, NY03/06, 23.vii.78. Clints quarry, Egremont, NY00/12, 6.v.78 one at base of *V. sepium*. Whitelees Wood, Aspatria, NY17/41, 19.viii.78 one swept from general vegetation by disused railway line. Near Saltcoats, Ravenglass, SD07/97, 25.vi.78, general sweeping. One tapped from *Urtica dioica* L. near Greenroad Station, Millom, SD19/83, 8.viii.78. In the past there has been some confusion between *S. ambiguus* and *S. lineellus* (Bonsdorff), the latter being known as *decipiens* Lindberg. Kevin, (1962, *Entomologist's mon. Mag.*, 98: 171) explains fully the synonymy of *lineellus* and B. Noe-Nygaard, (1972, *Ent. Meddr.*, 40: 25-27) gives an illustrated account of the main taxonomic characters for separating the two species. They are punctuation marks on the frons and the shape of the apex of the median lobe. In my experience of *S. ambiguus* in Cumbria, I nearly always find it on *V. sepium* growing among general vegetation in inland situations especially along roadside verges, while *S. lineellus* appears to be more restricted to coastal habitats and on its foodplant *Lotus corniculatus* L. *S. ambiguus* has recently been recorded as new to Somerset by P. J. Hodge, (1978, *Entomologist's mon. Mag.*, 114: 82).

Gymnetron antirrhini (Paykull). — Adults have been taken on most occasions inside the flowers of *Linaria vulgaris* Miller. Three near Moresby Church, Parton, NX98/21, 31.vii.77. One near Workington, NX99/30, 26.viii.78. Two by River Ellen, Maryport NY03/36, 26.viii.78. Haverigg, Millom, SD15/78, 29.vii.78 one resting below flowers of *Linaria vulgaris* on sand dune. Near Silecroft station, SD12/82, 19.viii.78, in numbers on *L. vulgaris* on railway bank.

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AGROTIS EXCLAMATIONIS L. (HEART AND DART) IN MARCH.
— A fresh specimen of this moth was caught at the M.V. light trap at Charterhouse, Godalming, on 12th March 1980. Although moths were generally out earlier than usual, this does seem an exceptionally early date for this species to be on the wing. — M. ELVIDGE, Cable House, Horsell Rise, Woking, Surrey.